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The GDR received a request from [redacted] concerning buses to be made available for the Fifth [redacted] 1955 at Warsaw. The GDR Ministry of Traffic ordered the Leipzig branch office to make the bus shipments to Warsaw. A total of 110 "Ikarus"-type buses (motor bus of Hungarian make) was withdrawn from business traffic at Bezirke Leipzig, Cottbus, Dresden, Chemnitz (Karl-Marx Stadt), and Erfurt. These buses were concentrated at Leipzig on 20 July. On 23 July, the buses were loaded on three trains as follows:

One shipment including 40 buses were dispatched from Dresden railroad station at Leipzig;

one shipment including 40 buses was dispatched from Schoenefeld railroad station at Leipzig;

one shipment including 35 buses was dispatched from Wiederitzsch railroad station at Leipzig.

In addition to the 110 "Ikarus"-
1 repair-shop truck, 2 BMW-type
were dispatched. The conference [redacted] was equipped with a telephone and a radio
station. The radio station had a [redacted] range of about [redacted]
Two drivers were assigned to each [redacted] [redacted] mechanics,
joiners, welders, etc., were employed [redacted] [redacted]
The three trains were escorted by [redacted] 250 persons [redacted] uniforms
(blue shirts and blouses) without FDJ insignia [redacted] [redacted] old [redacted]
escutcheons.

In addition to the 110 "Ikarus"-type buses and the 10 motor vehicles mentioned above, 40 "Ikarus"-type buses were made available in the northern districts of the GDR and loaded at Potsdam. All these vehicles were lent to the Poles for about four weeks.

Comment: The "Ikarus"-type buses mentioned were imported from Hungary in 1961.

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